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MacWrite Update

Apple is *still* working on the disk-based version of MacWrite that is so desparately needed by so many of you. The latest *projected* date of availability is ????. *When* it is available you will need to bring your *original* Write/Paint disk by the MicroCenter Store. Plan on leaving it for about 2 days (we will have over 3000 disks to update). Remember-the update process will completely erase the disk before putting the new version of MacWrite on it. Therefore, make sure that you have other copies of any documents or applications which may be on the disk. You must have an original disk to get the update. Your cooperation in this process is greatly appreciated.

Mastercard and Visa Now Accepted

The Texas Union MicroCenter Store now accepts Mastercard and Visa for payment of computer merchandise. This should make computer purchases more convenient for those of us addicted to plastic.

Same Day Turnaround on Macs

The MicroCenter can now deliver most Macintosh computer systems on the same day they are ordered. We are also accepting personal checks for the payment of these computer systems.

IBM Computers Now Available

IBM computers and software can now be ordered through the Texas Union MicroCenter at discounted prices. For complete information on prices and availability drop by the MicroCenter Store.

RamDisk for 512k Macs

The µCenter has a public domain ram disk available for people with 512k Macs. About 90-99 percent of the time, the Mac does not use up all 512K of the ram resident in the Mac and, at most, about 140K-180K of ram is used. Thus, a 512K Mac owner is not getting the full benefit of all that extra ram. However, with the ram disk, the 512K Mac owner can use the extra memory more efficiently and push his Mac a little further. The ram disk application will partition 322K of ram and make this portion of the ram into a disk drive. You will actually have an extra disk drive, though not physically. Any application on the ram disk will be able to open in about 3-5 seconds compared to 25-30 seconds usually.

There are, however, some known bugs in the program. Copy protected programs such as Multiplan, Chart and others will not be able to take advantage of the ram disk as the ram disk will eject, ask for the master, and then crash as there is no way to reinsert the ram disk. Never try to eject the ram disk, or you will have to face dire consequences. Another important thing to note, is never save any documents to the ram disk. This is because when the power is turned off, the contents of the ram disk will be lost forever.

Now that we have warned you (and are free of liabilities), the ram disk is available to all 512K owners. Just bring in a blank disk and copy it. There will be documentation on the use of the ram disk on the ram start disk. If you insert the ram disk as the startup disk, you will have the ram disk automatically created but if you don't, just run the Ram Disk application. Have fun.

Register Your Software

Once again we remind you to register your software. This time we have an example of how it can benefit you. Microsoft notified the *registered* owners of Basic version 1 directly. Most of them already have their copy of version 2.0. So please register your software.

Feb. Class Schedule

Apple Orientations: The purpose of this class is to show you how simple it is to set up the Macintosh. In addition, it will cover procedures that you will use to operate the Mac with the software.

Date	Day	Time	Room No.
Feb. 1	Fri.	1:00p-2:30p	4.108
Feb. 7	Thurs.	12:00-1:30p	4.410
Feb. 11	Mon.	1:00p-2:30p	4.410
Feb. 15	Fri.	10:00a-11:30a	4.410
Feb. 18	Mon.	3:30p-5:00p	4.410
Feb. 19	Tues.	11:30a-1:00p	4.108
Feb. 26	Tues.	12:00-1:30p	4.108
Feb. 27	Wed.	3:30p-5:00p	4.108

MacWrite/MacPaint: In this class, we'll show you how to use MacWrite to create documents and templates, organize your files, and use an external disk drive. With MacPaint, you will learn how to use the option, shift and command keys, to create animated objects and more!

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Feb. 4	Mon.	2:00p-3:30p	4.410
Feb. 12	Tues.	3:00p-4:30p	4.410
Feb. 20	Wed.	10:00a-11:30a	4.410
Feb. 28	Thurs.	2:30p-4:00p	4.410

Multiplan and Chart: Spreadsheets and charts are the topics of this class! You'll learn how to set up your spreadsheet and link it with Microsoft Chart which can create up to 42 different charts.

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Feb. 5	Tues.	1:00p-2:30p	4.108
Feb. 8	Fri.	1:00p-2:30p	4.108
Feb. 13	Wed.	3:00p-4:30p	4.108
Feb. 21	Thurs.	10:00a-11:30a	4.108

DB Master: Ready to organize your records? In this introductory class to DB Master, you'll learn to create and modify files, and generate reports.

Date	Day	Time	Room No.
Feb. 6	Wed.	1:30p-3:00p	4.108
Feb. 14	Thurs.	12:00-1:30p	4.410
Feb. 22	Fri.	1:00p-2:30p	4.108
Feb. 25	Mon.	2:00p-3:30p	4.108

MacTerminal: Interested in computer telecommunications? This class will give you an introduction to telecommunications in general, and specifically it will show you how to get your Macintosh up and running on remote computers.

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Feb. 18	Mon.	11:30a-1:00p	4.410
Feb. 26	Tues.	5:00p-6:30p	4.404

MS Word: Is MacWrite inadequate for your particular word processing needs? This class will first introduce the fundamental differences between Word and MacWrite, and will demonstrate such Word *exclusives* as footnoting, glossaries, multiple column printing & multiple document windows.

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MS File: This course will provide introductory instructions necessary to create and work successfully within MicroSoft File. Main topics include: creating, working in and editing a data file, in addition to creating a report.

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ALL CLASSES ARE HELD IN THE TEXAS UNION

STORE LOCATION AND HOTLINE

Come by the Tx Union MicroCenter store at our Varsity location on 21st. We're across from Jester and adjacent to the Varsity cafeteria. Our hours are 9am to 4pm Monday through Friday. The hotline (512-471-MACS), is staffed Monday through Friday from 8am to 5pm. Please call us if you have any questions.

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PERSONAL COMPUTING

GETTING TO KNOW PERSONAL COMPUTERS: 204

The course is designed for those who recently purchased or are considering purchasing a personal computer. The course will familiarize you with the major uses of micros in homes and businesses. Topics will include word processing, spread sheets, games, educational programs, data bases, mailing lists, and more. Lecture only, NO hands-on experience. (1 meeting)

INTRODUCTION TO WORDPROCESSING (IBM): 208

This course introduces the student to word processing. We'll start with entering and editing text on the computer screen. Next, we'll learn to store and retrieve documents on disc and print them. Finally, we'll learn to generate a form letter and merge it with a mailing list. The course is taught on the IBM PC, but wordprocessing concepts are applicable to other systems. (2 meetings)

BASIC PROGRAMMING (IBM): 210

If you are interested in learning to write your own programs, then this course is for you. We will get you started by teaching you the BASIC Commands and functions. Then you'll learn the techniques needed to get started in this interesting and rewarding field. We will start slowly, but by the end of the workshop, you'll be able to write small programs of your own. Hands-on experience using the IBM PC. (3 meetings)

SPREAD SHEET PROGRAMMING (VISICALC ON IBM) 212

This course is intended for those with little experience in computers who would like to understand and use a spread sheet program (like VISICALC). Spread sheets make long and tedious calculations a snap. They are an invaluable tool for scientific and business data analysis. Topics will include what a spread sheet is,and using, designing, and building them. After this class the student will be able to set up his own programmed worksheet. The class will be taught on the IBM PC using VISICALC. (2 meetings)

MULTIPLAN FOR MACINTOSH: 215

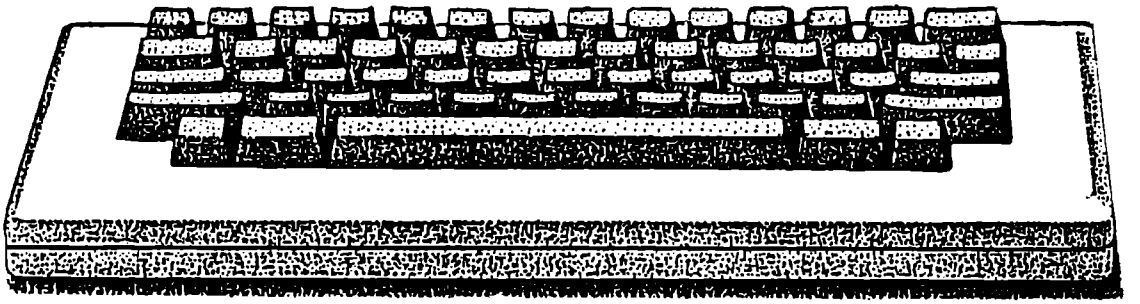
In this class you will be learning to use a key piece of software, the versatile and popular MULTIPLAN, through hands-on use of the Apple Macintosh Computer. MULTIPLAN is used for financial planning, management, and record keeping. This course will help you set up MULTIPLAN to meet your specific needs, emphasizing the appropriate use of software to maximize your computing power. MULTIPLAN is designed to be integrated with CHART to produce graphic representation of figures. (3 meetings/Sat. classes 1 meeting)

DB MASTER FOR MACINTOSH: 218

In the information age, the ability to use data base management software on microcomputers is very much in demand for inventory, scheduling, analysis, and more. This course is designed for those with some exposure to microcomputers who need to use a data base management system. You will learn to create, maintain and access files with DB MASTER. Short and long form report and file formats will be used. Hands-on use of Apple Macintosh computers. (4 meetings)

INTEGRATING SOFTWARE FOR REPORT GENERATION (MACINTOSH): 222

After this course, you can forget using scissors and glue to assemble your papers! You will learn creative ways of using intraprogram transfer between MS-MULTIPLAN, MS-CHART, DB MASTER and MACWRITE/WORD to simplify the "writing" process. Emphasis will be on annotation and integration of illustrative materials - charts, graphs, tables, and figures. Accepted Thesis and Dissertation formats will be used. (2 meetings)



Come by the Texas Union for a schedule, or call 471-5651 Informal Classes for times and dates. Registration: February 27 - March 7.

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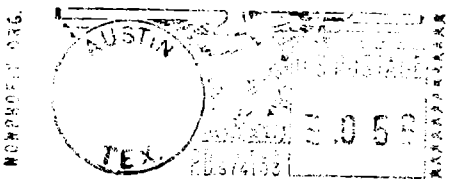

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